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1. FINANCE MINISTER PIRZADA ANNOUNCED ON JUNE 17 THAT ALL
DETENUS AND PERSONS ACCUSED OF "SUBSTANTIVE OFFENSES" DURING
THE RECENT CONFRONTATION ARE BEING FREED ON THE PRIME
MINISTER'S ORDERS. PIRZADA ADDED THAT THE PM'S DECISION
WAS A "SPECIAL GESTURE" TO THE OPPOSITION ON THE EVE OF
HIS DEPARTURE FOR THE MIDDLE EAST AND IN LIGHT OF THE
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UP THE SPECIFIC ELECTION PLANS. HE DID NOTE THAT THE
DETENUS WOULD HAVE BEEN RELEASED EVENTUALLY UNDER
THE TERMS OF THE PAKISTAN NATIONAL ALLIANCE (PNA)
-GOVERNMENT ACCORD. PIRZADA ADDED, HOWEVER, THAT
THE RELEASE DOES NOT COVER "ANTI-SOCIAL AND GOONDA
(THUGS) ELEMENTS WHO ARE CHARGED WITH COMMITTING HEINOUS
CRIMES."

2. THE DEFINITION OF A HEINOUS CRIME WAS ONE OF THE STICKING POINTS OF THE PPP/OPPOSITION NEGOTIATIONS. IT IS AN HONORED SUBCONTINENTAL POLITICAL TACTIC TPR ARREST OPPONENTS FOR CAPITAL CRIMES RATHER THAN LESSER CHARGEISTO ENSURE THEIR REMOVAL FROM THE POLITICAL ARENA. DETERMINING JUST WHICH CLASS AND KIND OF PRISONER WILL BE RELEASED IS REPORTEDLY ONE OF THE ISSUES BEING DISCUSSED BY THE PIRZADA/GHAFOOR SUBCOMMITTEE, WHICT MET ON JUNE 17 FOR THREE HOURS AND ADJOURNED FOR THE WEEKEND. NAWA-I-WAQT REPORTED ON JUNE 18 THAT PROFESSOR GHAFOOR HAS SAID THAT HE AND PIRZADA ARE DISCUSSING SOME DWDISAGREEMENTS" IN INTERPRETATION OF THE ELECTION AGREEMENT.

3. SARDAR QAYYUM, FORMER NEGOTIATOR FOR THE PNA AND LEADER OF THE PNA CONSTITUENT PAIYY BASED IN AZAD KASHMIR, TOLD A PRSVJUCONFERENCE JUNE 17 THAT NEW ELECTIONS WILL BE HELD IN AZAD KASHMIPEIN OCTOBER. QAYYUM AND FEDERAL RELOGIOUS AFFWERS MINISTERCNAUSAR NIAZI FORMED A SUBCOMMITTEE TO HAMMER OUT PLANS FOR A NEW ELECTION IN KASHMIR. QAYYUM ALSO TOLD THE PRESS THAT ELECTION ARRANGEMENTS IN AZAD KASHMIR WOULD BE THE SAME AS FOR PAKISTAN. HE NOTED THAT THE FINAL ANNOUNCEMENT WOULD BE MADE WHEN THE PM RETURNED FROM HIS TOUR.

4. BECAUSE OF THE GOP POSITION THAT THE STATUS OF AZAD KASHMIR IS YET TO BE DETERMINED, IT WAS NECESSARY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TO CONSIDER THE QUESTION OF NEW ELECTIONS IN THAT AREA SEPARATELY. THE LAST ELECTIONS IN AZAD KASHMIR, HELD OVER TWO YEARS AGO, WERE MARRED BY CHARGES OF BLATANT RIGGING AND BALLOT BOX STUFFING AND RESULTED

IN AN OVERWHELMING PPP VITCTORY.
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